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THE HOUSTON 1976 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The week-end of October 8, 9 and 10 of 1976 brought together one of the best bunch of guys and gals we've seen in a coon's age. The Houston Chapter headed by Monte Montemayor, and a committee whose middle name was work, put together a week-end of excitement and fun for everyone fortunate enough to be able to attend. The Convention was called to order on Friday evening by Gene Atkinson, Chairman of the Convention, and that kicked off the best evenings entertainment you can imagine. First it was a wide-screen picture presentation of QCWA Houston's history, then came Ralph Cabanillas and Nat Pfeffer with the "L & H" antenna...and that followed by Tom Lytle's Rotary Spark transmitter demonstration. Lots of eyeball QSO activities and some didn't get to bed until 3AM. On Saturday the Gals were taken to the Galleria for shopping and sight-seeing, and in the afternoon there were tours to NASA and to the ASTRODOME. In the evening there was the Rodeo, and some sparkling horsemanship demonstrations by W5NC and W6ATC. We never did find out who won the cow chip tossing contest...and the dance afterward was worth the money. Don't want to forget the trip to San Jacinto and all the shrimp you could eat. That was a real bash!

Of perhaps less fire was the fact that the Board of Directors met in continuous session all day Thursday, Friday and most of Saturday. Out of that work came some very important actions that members are being asked to vote upon, in this issue of the newsletter. Ethel Smith and Tex were on hand, and those of us who had never had the pleasure of meeting them were glad to get the chance to thank them for their work on behalf of QCWA.

It was fun to get to sit in that tiny dining room and listen to Clarence Seid arguing with Nat Pfeffer..and we'll not forget the pleasure of seeing the sparkle in the eyes of Frank Frimmerman, W2FZ. Two of the Directors were not in attendance, both because of illness. We all missed them.



For identification, see page 37

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors of QCWA, at its annual meeting in Houston, Texas, on October 8, 1976, adopted two proposals to amend the Constitution of QCWA. In accordance with Article VI of the Constitution, the two proposed amendments are presented herein and will be known as "Proposition Number 1" and "Proposition Number 2."

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1

It is proposed to delete the existing Section 2 of Article I, of the Constitution of QCWA, which states the purposed of the Association shall be:

- (a) To foster and develop friendship and cooperation among amateur wireless and radio operators of more than twenty-five years' standing.
- (b) To take general interest in all matters affecting or involving amateur wireless or radio and sponsor such actions as may be deemed proper in their interests.

It is proposed to adopt the following paragraphs which will amend Section 2 of Article I of the Constitution to read:

Sec. 2. The purposes of the Association Shall be:

- (a) To operate exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, entitling the corporation to exemption under the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3), and more specifically to study and contribute to the development of radio communications programs and to provide a scholarship fund for needy and worthy students for the study of radio communication.
- (b) In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in Section 202 N-PCL, together with the power to solicit grants and contributions for corporate purposes.
- (c) Nothing herein shall authorized this corporation, directly or indirectly, to engage in or include among its purposes, any of the activities mentioned in Not-For-Profit Corporations Law, Section 404 (b)-(p) or Executive Law, Section 757.
- (d) No part of the income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation
- (e) No part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting

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to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), of any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

- (f) In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, subject to an order of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

(g) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the corporation shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Code; (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code; (c) make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Code.

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2

It is proposed that Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 1. Amendments to this constitution may be initiated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or by petition submitted to the Secretary by at least 10% of the members in good standing on January 1 of the year of submission of the petition. Proposed amendments shall be mailed with a ballot to all members in good standing at least twenty (20) days before the date appointed for the return of the ballot, and the ballot shall carry a statement of this time limit. Approval of the amendment by at least two-thirds of the members voting shall be necessary for its enactment.

END

The purpose of the amendments proposed may be simply explained. In Proposition Number 1, the Board is proposing to amend the Constitution to re-define the purposes of QCWA in a manner consistent with the requirements of Federal Law governing Organizations granted exemption under the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the internal revenue code. This exemption would permit QCWA to solicit gifts to be used in furthering its purposes, and the donor would be given the privilege of using the reasonable value of the gift as a personal or otherwise tax exemption on his income tax statement.

The purpose of the amendment to Article VI, Section 1 (Proposition Number 2) is to permit a reasonable number of members to submit a proposed amendment to the Constitution directly to the members at

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large without prior submission to the Board of Directors approval.

The Board of Directors specified that the Executive Secretary make it very clear that the Board recommends that the two propositions presented herein be adopted by an overwhelming membership vote.

The Official Ballot is on Page 12, study the propositions, then turn to page 12, mark your ballot, place in envelope provided and mail to headquarters today.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following is a verbatim copy of the report of the duly appointed nominating committee with respect to nomination of candidates for positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and for five Directors for the Board.

November 26, 1976

Mr. Frank Gunther, President
Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.

Dear Mr. Gunther:

On behalf of the nominating committee appointed by you and approved by the Board of Directors of Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc., pursuant to Section 1 of Article VI of the by-laws, I am pleased to report that the Committee has unanimously agreed upon the following candidates:

OFFICERS

Harry S. Gartsman	President	W6ATC
Harold A. Sears	Vice President	W5NC
Col. G. D. Meserve	Secretary	W0HG
Arthur M. Monsees	Treasurer	W4BK

DIRECTORS

(Five to be elected)

Henry Harley	VE3BR
Art E. Miligan	W8KW
Nathaniel Pfeffer	W2AIM
Delmar W. Rowe	W7EDT/W9BPU
Clarence Seid	W2KW/KV4AB
Lewis W. Sieck	K4NE
Hugh A. Turnbull	W3ABC

The Committee requests that you direct the Executive Secretary to advise members, in the same issue of the Newsletter in which the report of the Committee is included, that members not nominated by the Committee can file nominating petitions in the manner set forth in Section 2 of Article VI of the by-laws. Each of the foregoing candidates has advised the Committee of his intention to attend all Board of Director meetings and each fully understands that attendance at such meetings will be at his own expense.

The Committee recommends that members submitting petitions be forewarned in the Newsletter and advised upon receipt of such petitions that they also will be expected to assume the same obligations in respect of attendance and expense as those nominated by the Committee.

The members of the Committee have asked me to express on their behalf, appreciation for having been given the opportunity to serve the Association

Respectfully submitted,

s/Mark J. Devaney, K4IDC
Chairman - Nominating Committee

Committee members were:

Ralph Cabanillas, Jr. (W6IL)
Capt. Robert B. Conaughty (K4OQ)
C. F. Montemayor, (W5YZ)

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COMMENTS ON NOMINATIONS BY PETITION

President Frank Gunther, W2ALS, has requested that we emphasize the desire of the Board of Directors for local chapters throughout the country to nominate members for any and all Offices in QCWA, as provided in Article VI, Section 2, of the by-laws of QCWA.

It is important that each nominee be able to participate in meetings, regardless of the location of the meetings. The 1977 Board Meeting is scheduled for Seattle, Washington...travel expenses must be borne by the Director or Officer and they can be considerable. Even with this constraint, there are many eligible and qualified members of QCWA who can and will participate, if nominated and when elected. Get your nominations by petition into Secretary Meserve as soon as possible.

The proposed revision to the Constitution of QCWA do not in any manner bear on the 1977 election of Officers.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN QCWA

Maybe that many of you are unfamiliar with the manner in which the Life-Membership funds are handled. Since the beginning, all such funds have been deposited, and the interest used to pay operating costs. Life membership fees have been based on an amount which would approximately equal the regular dues..i.e., in the beginning, Life membership was \$25, and the dues for three years was \$5...later on the Life membership went to \$35, and dues went to \$7 for 3 years, in 1974 Life membership went to \$50, and 10 dollars for 3 years. As can be seen, \$50, deposited at about 7% will bring in \$3.50 interest annually, about \$10 for 3 years. A long time ago we could make do with 7% interest on 25 dollars (1.75 a year), but no longer. In that time postage was 4 cents, printing and other costs very low, but just as everyone else has problems, so does QCWA. As a consequence a few members have voluntarily contributed an amount that will bring their life membership into line with that currently charged...the first of these were:

W6ATC - \$25.00; K4IDC - 25.00; W2AIM - 25.00

if you can do the same, it will be a great help. If you can't that is alright too. One thing is certain, your membership in QCWA is a bargain and we aim to keep it that way, right now its less than a cent a day.

QSO PARTY RULES

The 20th Annual, 1977 QSO Party

The Party Starts: 2300 UTC Feb. 11, and ends: 2300 UTC Feb. 13, 1977

OFFICIAL RULES

- Contacts:** Every contact made with another QCWA member counts (1) point
- Contacts made with QCWA Memorial Station W2MM will count 2 points
- Contacts made with captive stations, such as when operating in local nets are invalid
- Incentive for Foreign Members** Every foreign QCWA member - (all members excepting those in Canada, Mexico, U.S. and its possessions) will receive (5) points for every contact with another member outside their country, the memorial station included; This does not apply to any U. S. members who might be operating as a temporary portable in a foreign country, or on reciprocal basis.
- Multipliers** Every member will receive a multiplier of (1) for each state, province, U. S. Possession, Country or political sub-division designated by a call-sign prefix; i.e., VK2, VK3, KP4, KV4, for example, will each be a multiplier of (1) JA1 & JH1 would count as a single multiplier of (1) since they are for the same area. Each state of the U. S. will be a multiplier of (1)
- Multiple contacts with individual states or call-sign prefixes do not count as additional multipliers. Contact with any station can be counted only once regardless of operating mode or frequency.
- Frequencies** Phone: 1805-1825; 3940-3960; 7240-7260; 14240-14260; 14280-14300; 21340-21360; 28640-28660
- CW: 1805-1825; 3540-3560; 7040-7060; 14040-14060; 21040-21060; 28040-28060
- RTTY; At usual operating frequencies
- Note: Frequencies chosen are believed available for use without undue interference. In the event of problems, the frequencies may be shifted slightly upward or downward as may be required. Please operate courteously!
- Exchanges** Upon making contact with a QCWA member, send your contact number, QTH (State, Country, Province or Island only), your Name and QCWA membership number. The other station should acknowledge and respond with his contact number, QTH, Name & QCWA membership number.

Logs

A suggested log format is shown below. The Committee requested that you follow this form in reporting your contacts. Uniform logging procedure will make the scoring much easier. Please identify each sheet of your log with your name, call, QCWA number, street address, city, state & zip. Number pages serially and clip them together. It will be the responsibility of each participant to provide a legible log. The two right-hand column entries should be checked for duplications. The contact points and multipliers should be added for each page. The bottom of each page should show the summation of the contacts (C) and multiplier (M) columns for that page. The final page should show a computation of your score (sum of contacts made times the sum of multiplier earned). Log sheets will not be returned. If you send a copy of your log make certain that it is completely legible. Foreign members should send their logs via AIR-MAIL, to make certain they arrive in time to count.

The Southern California Chapter, QCWA, sponsors of this 20th annual QSO Party, have named a three-member Committee who will judge the submitted logs, and who are responsible for the final scoring. The Committee is made up of: Ralph Cabanillas, Jr., W6IL, Chairman; Norm Henkel, K6BA; and Bob Killions, W6PG. The QCWA Memorial Station will be operated by Herb Gleed, Jr., W6FQ. Herb will operate on both CW and phone. The Memorial Station will be scored, but will not be considered competing as high-scorer in the Party. Logs are to be mailed no later than February 20, 1977 to: Ralph Cabanillas, Jr. W6IL, 2359 Creston Drive, Hollywood, California 90068. Preliminary results of the scoring can be heard on the QCWA International CW Net on Wednesday, April 13, 1977 and on the QCWA International SSB Net on Sunday, April 17, 1977. The final and official scoring will be printed in the April/May QCWA newsletter.

LOG OF _____, QCWA No. _____

MAILING ADDRESS

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We hope that everyone joins in to make this 20th annual QSO Party the very biggest ever....and perhaps we'll make the Southern Cal. Chapter think twice before they volunteer to sponsor another Party.. We all thank them, it's a fine thing for them to do to commemorate the Chapters 20th anniversary.

LIST OF CHAPTERS AND DATE OF AUTHORIZATION

A few months ago Ethel Smith prepared a listing of Chapters known to have been authorized, together with the original date of the Charter issued to each Chapter. Since that time we have been approached with proof, by a few Chapters, of dates that were different than those we had furnished. The problem was resolved by determination that in a few cases, the Board authorized a Chapter by Letter, and that the official charter might be issued months or even years later. As a result of the questions raised we have made corrections, where there was documented proof, and the list that follows is presumed to be the final one. Each Chapter has an Official Number listed herein.

<u>Official No.</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Cleveland Chapter	01/06/51
2	Chicago Chapter	06/13/54
3	Boston/Providence Chptr	11/01/55
4	Northwest Chapter	04/16/56
5	Delaware Valley	09/12/56
6	Pittsburgh	01/08/57
7	Southern California	01/15/57
8	Upper Midwest	09/30/57
9	Dayton-Cincinnati	10/01/57
10	Michigan	04/13/59
11	Northern California	08/01/60
12	Southeast Florida	02/15/62
13	West Gulf*	03/22/62
14	San Diego	06/10/62
15	Oklahoma*	10/05/62
16	Arizona	10/11/62
17	Susquehanna*	12/12/62
18	Findley*	02/10/63
19	Missouri*	03/04/63
20	Baltimore	04/06/63
21	Canton	05/03/63
22	Toledo	02/08/64
23	Washington	02/09/64
24	New England	04/04/64
25	Nebraska	05/28/64
26	Indiana	09/27/65
27	Houston	11/11/65
28	Central New York	01/07/66
29	Finger Lakes	03/29/66
30	Central West Virginia	05/11/66
31	Reading	06/21/66
32	Gator	11/21/66
33	Anthracite	02/10/67
34	Joliet	04/17/67
35	Mid-Continent	10/03/67
36	Northwest Indiana	11/01/67
37	Harrisburg	03/01/68
38	San Antonio	03/04/68

39	Akron	03/30/68
40	Alabama	09/27/68
41	Dallas	09/27/68
42	Mohawk Valley	11/09/68
43	Tulsa	03/17/69
44	Nevada	03/22/69
45	Citrus	05/10/69
46	Metro (N. Y.)	05/27/69
47	Sydney, Australia	07/11/69
48	Treasure Coast	04/27/70
49	Atlanta	04/29/70
50	Shreveport	08/24/70
51	Texas Golden Triangle	09/28/70
52	Gulf Coast	10/31/70
53	Sun Coast	03/19/71
54	Tyler	07/10/71
55	Wisconsin	07/16/71
56	Wichita Mountain	10/13/71
57	Carolinas*	10/30/71
58	Colorado	11/11/71
59	Central Illinois	04/19/72
60	East Tennessee	08/09/72
61	Detroit	09/19/72
62	Suwannee	09/28/72
63	Central Oklahoma	03/19/73
64	El Paso	08/01/73
65	Niagara Frontier	11/17/73
66	Spaceport	11/21/73
67	Austin	12/20/73
68	West Branch	12/21/73
69	Everglades	03/04/74
70	National Capitol (Can)	03/07/74
71	Central Ohio	04/10/74
72	Fort Worth	04/15/74
73	Southern Ontario	05/17/74
74	Muskegon	07/08/74
75	Central California Coast	08/15/74
76	Blue Ridge	08/15/74
77	Northern New Jersey	10/26/74
78	Lubbock	11/01/74
79	Sunflower	11/20/74
80	Caloosa	11/23/74
81	Long Island	04/04/75
82	Sailfish	03/25/75
83	Central Indiana	03/25/75
84	Floralia	04/25/75
85	Ark-La-Tex	04/28/75
86	Fort Wayne	06/17/75
87	Evergreen	07/01/75
88	Tennessee Valley	07/21/75
89	Palmetto	08/07/75
90	Razorback	08/12/75

Official No.	Chapter Name	Date
91	Northern Virginia	10/01/75
92	Northern Lights	11/11/75
93	Rio Grande Valley	12/30/75
94	Road Runner	01/09/76
95	Eastern New York	01/10/76
96	Gateway	01/14/76
97	West Virginia	03/16/76
98	British Columbia	04/12/76
99	Central Valley	05/20/76
100	East Georgia	07/10/76

*Chapter believed to be dissolved, or inactive

In making this list, and incorporating the changes which have been called to our attention there is a pretty good chance that other errors and omissions have occurred. The list really lists all Chapters ever authorized. Some have changed names, and when this has occurred, in the above list, both the original name and the new name are listed. Your scribe is fully aware of an archaic quotation that is probably being dusted off - "and they descended upon him, wielding cudgels and pikes, and lo, he was no more!"

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys

Robert E. Heineman	W7LLO	Lester L. Irons	W1BZJ
Walt W. Lindner	W4KTE	W. P. Clarke	W5DZ
Ted Wilson	K2EP	George H. Herriott	W1AOI
Lloyd A. Burrows	W5SIG	Lt. Col. J. Bindner	W6HQ
Joseph G. McNelis	W2RNL	Stan Belliveau	W7AYO
Clifford Horn	W0PBX	Vernon E. Snider	W0WOB

Most of you are aware that the Board has authorized three issues of the newsletter annually. The dates have not been finalized, but, it will be about a April/May issue, an August/September issue and a December/ January issue. Copy deadlines should be April 10, August 10 and December 1. Your help will be appreciated...get your material in as soon as you can...thanks.

+HOW TO READ THE COMPUTER CODE+

You will note certain letters & marks may occur after your membership number on the computer address label. These will be up-dated so every member can be aware of his status as to awards, and membership expiration each time he receives a newsletter.

The code consists of either one or two letters following your membership number, and one or two other marks or letters. The letters immediately following your number indicate expiration of membership and the code is:

EXPIRATION DATE			
Year	Code	Month	Code
1977	G	January	A
1978	H	February	B
1979	I	March	C
1980	J	April	D
1981	K	May	E
1982	M	June	F
1983	N	July	G
1984	P	August	H
1985	Q	September	I
1986	R	October	J
1987	S	November	K
1988	T	December	M

Presently, three other special marks are used. Those with 50-year certificates are identified with the symbol @...Those with the 50-year continuously licensed certificates with the symbol \$...and those with the 60-year Golden Certificate with the symbol #.

As an example, let us say your membership number is 1313, and it is written as:

1313 KE @Y

Translated, the K is 1981, and the E is May, saying your membership expires May, 1981. The @ indicates you have the Golden Certificate, and the Y is to show your card has been updated twice.

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASS'N

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions; Clip the ballot along the dotted line at the left & mark the ballot, in accordance with your wishes. After voting place the ballot in the official ballot envelope included herein and seal. Place the ballot envelope in a larger envelope & mail to:

QCWA, Inc.
1409 Cooper Drive
Irving, Texas 75061

Include your name, call and your membership number on the outside of your mailing envelope so that eligibility can be checked. The ballot envelope will be removed & held, unopened, for the Official count and talley. Mark the ballot with and x in the desired box.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution, this ballot shall be returned by February 15, 1977. Ballot mailing date was December 21, 1976.

PROPOSITION No. 1

(The proposal to amend Section 2 of Article I, of the Constitution)

FOR

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AGAINST

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PROPOSITION No. 2

(The proposal to amend Section 1 of Article VI, of the Constitution)

FOR

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AGAINST

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QCWA ADVERTISING**QCWA ACCEPTS ADVERTISING**

The Board of Directors of QCWA have authorized acceptance of commercial advertising for the newsletter. At the right is one of the very first Ads run. We approve advertising of this type. A good product, a fair price & we urge you to patronize our customer. This issue of the newsletter will go to about 8000 members, at the prices listed below, it makes good sense to advertise in QCWA News.

Rate Structure:

Full Page, 1 time	\$100.00
1/2 Page, 1 time	60.00
1/4 page, 1 time	35.00

Members advertising, no cuts no layouts. One column inch

1 time	\$3.00
3 times	\$7.50

The ads, exactly like this, below, which is paid!

For Sale: Bound volumes of the Proceedings of the IRE, for 1934 - 1954. Others through 1960 available. The 20 years in a lot at \$400. WSEJ 1t

We are urging you to use the Newsletter for advertising. It will materially assist us in QCWA activities, and you will certainly get results..

Note that the 1" ads reduce to about 3/4 inch when they are printed, approximately 20 ads can be run on one page (10 per column). You will get the full inch, even if you send in only one line of copy.

Old Radio Treasures

There's a rare old radio waiting for you somewhere. Here's how to have year-round fun discovering valuable old sets in your attic, local swap meet or antique barn. You'll enjoy McMahon's fascinating books, truly fine collector's references.



VINTAGE RADIO, 1887-1929: Pictorial story of pioneer days, 1,000 photos, 263 pages. \$10.95 hard-cover, \$8.95 soft.

A FLICK OF THE SWITCH, 1930-50: Fun picture reference of home, military, Ham, professional radio-TV-electronics, 312 pages. \$10.95 hard-cover, \$8.95 soft.

RADIO ENCYCLOPEDIA, Gernsback's 1927 classic beautifully recreated, 175 pages. \$14.95 hard-cover, \$10.95 soft.

RADIO COLLECTOR'S GUIDE, 1921-32: Data book with 50,000 facts on 9,000 models by 1,100 makers, 264 pages, \$6.95.

1926-38 RADIO DIAGRAMS: Beitman's classic of 600 models, 240 pages, \$7.00.



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CIRCUIT DIAGRAM for any pre-1951 radio: \$3.50. Send model number.

SEND TODAY to Vintage Radio, Dep't O, Box 2045, Palos Verdes, Ca. 90274. We pay postage. Calif. residents add 6%.

FREE! Age Guide with each order. FREE!

Year-round Fun!

CITRUS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Jack Six, W4YPA, Secretary
1081 Cobblestone Avenue
Deltona, Florida 32763

On-the-air: Saturday at 10:00AM on 3955 kHz

Next Meeting, Orlando Hamfest, Orlando, Florida, February 12, 1977

The Citrus Chapter meeting of September 25, at Ireland's in Orlando was very outstanding. We had 67 present, which included wives & guests. We enjoyed a splendid meal and a very interesting discussion by Keith Street, G3DKS/W4, on his early communications experiences with the Royal Air Force.

On October 18, Neil Jogenson, K4FLO, had open heart surgery. Our latest report says he is doing fine; we're looking forward to seeing you back soon, Neal!

Our November 27 meeting in Tavares, Florida, was exceptionally fine besides the fellowship with our QCWA friends over the state, Clare Baker, W4GR received his 50-Year Award. Congratulations Clare, now you will be joining the "Citrus Retired Broadcast Engineers Club." A club, in which we suffered, some even got ulcers, but not one of us would have missed being a part of in broadcasting in the 30's and 40's for anything. Also, we discussed the matter of a Citrus CW net and if any of you are interested, contact W4PI, in Orlando.

Our February 12, 1977, meeting will be at the Orlando Hamfest.... (Hamcation) in Orlando. At present we have not tied down the restaurant, but probably will be at the site of the Hamfest, Sheraton Twin Towers, or at Howard Johnson which is directly across the street Citrus will host the meeting, and all QCWA members are welcome!

Note: Don't forget our change of frequency for our 10:00 AM Saturday net to 3955 kHz. This is to avoid TV set radiation buzz from our neighbors on 3950. Ken Haile, K4KLZ is running the show now & doing a splendid jobs.

- W4PI -

EVERGLADES CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Joe Trahan, W4UCL, 3633 SW 23rd Court
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33312

The November 6, 1976 meeting was Chaired by Ken Rohan, K4YA. The minutes and treasurer's report were presented by W4UCL. Mark Devaney reported on the Houston meeting and the move of Headquarters to Texas at Irving. The Chapter heard the report that QCWA dues will have to be increased, both regular and lifetime in order to operate in the black.

Ken Rohan, K4YA announced the QCWA Florida Sunday net frequency change to 7255 kHz. The Everglades Chapter will have its turn as net control for February, 1977. Four good operators are needed for the job as there are four Sundays in February.

John Glauber, W4OB reported on the information contained in the present 18-minute WWV reports. The next meeting of the Chapter was scheduled for December 4, at the Sweden House, Fort Lauderdale.

- W4UCL -

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER

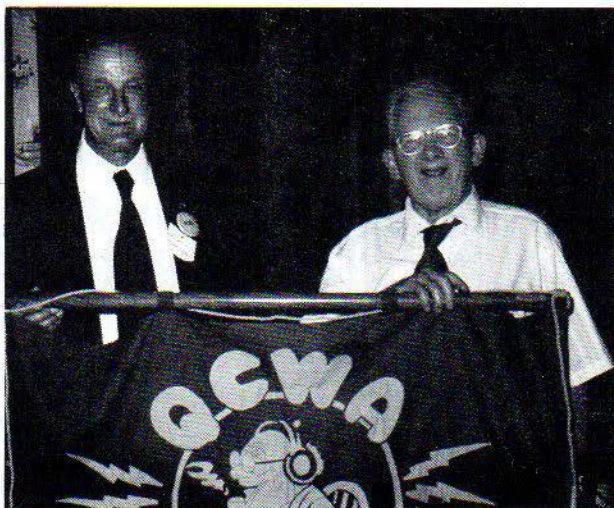
For Information; Contact Ernie Savage, VE7FB, Secretary,
4553 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B. C. Canada V6R 2R4

The Chapter's dinner business meeting was held at the Copper Kettle 2218 Kingsway, in Vancouver. After a real banquet the meeting came to order under Mort Mortensen, VE7KM. A moment of silence to honor Silent Keys was observed for Percy Hetherington VE7AID and Stan Belliveau, W7AYO. Mort then presented the gavel donated by Pete McIntyre, VE7JT, and read the engraving thereon. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurers report indicated the Chapter was in the black!

Pete McIntyre, VE7JT reported on the "History & Memorial Committee" and recommended that a suitable plaque be purchased. The recommendation passed. Alan Venning, VE7LL reported activities to enlarge the membership and says he goes after everyone he talks to. Alan told of the work of Section Six, of the NW Chapter (Now the B.C. Chapter) had sponsored conventions at Villa Burnaby, Coach House and Red Lion... the work had been successful and Alan presented a check for 362.92 to Chairman Mort. The Chapter voted a big "thank You" to Alan. Art Hoskins, VE7UM, Chm of the Activity Committee asked for suggestions on meeting activities, prizes, and so forth. A majority indicated they would like a Christmas Dinner Party. Herb Smith VE7KL spoke on work on Vancouver Island South and suggested that dues be payable in Canadian funds..The Secretary was instructed to attend to that matter. Two new committees were set up...Sick and Welfare, Chaired by Bill Baxter, VE7VR and the Ladies Auxiliary, Chaired by Mrs. Alice Sibson.

Flo and Wes Veale invited the whole Chapter to their first Breakfast Party at the ROUND HOUSE, 27083 Fraser Highway on October 16... it looks like more of these will be coming along.

-VE7FB -



Mort, VE7KM

Ernie, VE7FB

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact John McLane, K4FTB
1040 Carousel Lane
Hendersonville, N. C. 28739
704 692 6964

On-the-air: Saturdays, 1:00PM, on 3895 kHz
Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each Month at 11:30AM. Contact the Secretary for location

At its August meeting the Chapter presented a 60-year Certificate to Col. Stanley Saulnier, W4VG, by Director Bob David, W4YK. In the picture at the right, L to R are W4VG and our W4YK.



More donations were received for the Cherokee Indian School ARRL Library, a novice program sponsored by the Chapter and described by Bob David in the September newsletter. As a part of the program, Col Saulnier described some of his experiences during 60 years on the air. Harry Mills, K4HU presented a slide program on the activities of Opportunity House, a local self-supporting multiple activity center.

At the October meeting, H. W. (Jim) Chitty, WB3HCP, recently retired from the National Security Agency, was our speaker. He gave an authoritative and interesting description of the Air Defense System of the U. S., as set up in the 1960's, including the sequential steps in protection of large cities.

Paul Griffith, K4KGQ was awarded his 50-year Certificate by W4YK, and a new slate of Officers were elected during that August meeting. The new Officers are:

Dr. John Wyman, K4HXZ,	President
Tony Landry, W4MJG/W2IRT,	Vice President
John McLane, K4FTB,	Secretary

--K4FTB--



On the Left,
Paul Griffith,
K4KGQ, at left
Bob David, 4YK

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Harry Eckland, W9SKX
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Wheaton, Illinois 60187

At the September meeting President Webb announced that the January meeting will be the annual meeting at which three Board members and four officers will be elected. A nominating Committee was being drawn up. The October 19, 1976 meeting was held at Josef's Restaurant at Hillside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8 PM and Treasurer Pallotto, W9BOX gave his report. Secretary Eckland reported that the Chapter now has a total of 111 members. Lee Knirko W9MOL, was introduced as a new member of the Board, being appointed to fill out the term of Ralph Knouf, W9SW, who had resigned. Lee made a report on the National Convention at Houston with the help of Fred Hinds who was also in attendance at Houston.

Lane Eldred, W9SG made a motion, which was seconded and passed unanimously that the Chapter go on record as advocating the election of Phil Haller, W9HPG, as Central Division Director of ARRL. Lee then reported on progress of the Bicentennial Relay. It was reported that the FCC no longer requires announcement of portable or mobile operation, and that the novice prefix WN is eliminated as of Nov. 26.

Ralph Knouf was presented with his 60-year Golden Certificate, and A program featuring pictures Fred Hinds took at Houston, and Ero Erickson presented his program "Sage of Telegraphy" Both were enjoyed by all present.

The Chicago area chapter has really come up with a challenge to Tom Lytle, W5WR as the Old QCWA Operator...Eric Shalkhauser, W9CI, who not only looks the part, but is really an old-timer, having taken an active part in the 1916 presidential relay, and who inspired the 1976 relay activities. His picture at left. At the right, President Ed Webb, W9IPO presents a 60-year Certificate to Ted Carnes, W9TN, of Elgin, Illinois at the Mundelein Expo of '76.



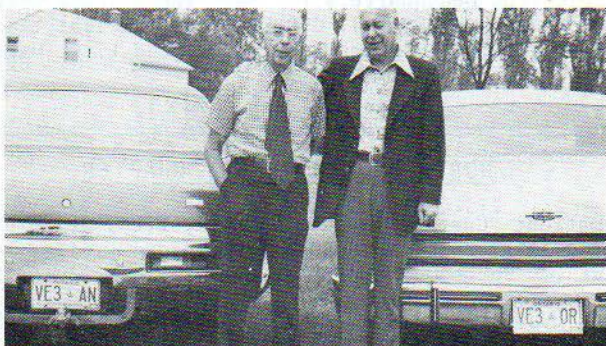
NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Henry Harley, VE3BR
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Orleans, Ont. Canada K1C 1T1

The Chapter reports that four members have been recipients of recognition recently: Ed and Doreen Morgan, husband and wife members, VE3GX and VE3CGO, received the Clifford Marsh Memorial Trophy at the recent Radio Society of Ontario Convention. The trophy is awarded annually to the Amateur of the Year, and this year to our husband - wife team for their continued and dedicated service to Amateur Radio and to their community.

At the same Convention, Carl Everson, VE3BYX, was honored when the club publication of which he is editor (The Groundwave) was awarded the trophy for excellence among local club bulletins in Ontario. It is the organ of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club.

Bud Punchard, VE3UD, was awarded the McNaughton Medal for 1976 by the Canadian branch of the IEEE. The award is given for distinguished service in the fields of electrical and electronic engineering. His citation read, "For his contributions to the design and development of communication and radar equipment, particularly for the Canadian Armed Services." Bud recently retired from Northern Electric, where he held a position as Vice President. He is an active Amateur!



A recent election of Officers in the Chapter resulted in election of George M. Schuthe as president, with the remaining Officers being re-elected for the coming year. In the picture above are the only known father and son members of QCWA in Canada, VE3AN and VE3OR. VE3AN, William A. Taylor, began his telecommunications career as a regimental signaller with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in WW I, 1915 to 1919. He has held amateur calls since 1923, beginning with 3QU, at Queens University. From Graduation until retirement in 1958 he was a professional engineer with Bell Telephone of Canada. He resides in Bath, Ontario and is an active Amateur. VE3OR, Croft B. Taylor, is well known to amateurs from Coast to Coast in Canada. He is President of the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club, a Director of the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation and is a delegate to the Radio Society of Ontario. He was one of the leaders in the struggle to obtain call-sign license plates for Ontario Amateurs. He has been, and still is instrumental in the procurement of teletype equipment from Bell, for Amateur use, and is active on the Amateur bands.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Russ Estep, W6AUC, Secretary
1469 El Camino Real
Belmont, California 94002

On-the-air: Sundays at 0930 on 3907 kHz, SSB; NCS W6FQA/W6BYS/W6BCM
Sundays at 1045 on 3771 kHz, CW; NCS K6CA/W6CEI

The Chapter is making plans for its annual luncheon in February... Henry, W6EJA wants to thank Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cooper for their hospitality at the recent QCWA Norcal picnic. Their estate is beautiful, and the weatherman cooperated to make it a wonderful event.

There were only 29 members present at the ARRL Convention breakfast meeting, and as a result the Chapter had to make up a guaranteed attendance figure. It was a fine meeting, and those who missed it missed a fine time. Doc Gmelin won the raffle, and Harry Dannals, of ARRL make a fine talk. The Committee who arranged the event are to be congratulated for a good job. The Chapter now has 267 members, & of that group only about 35-40 are checking in on the Sunday nets... why not fire up and let us hear from you?

Silent Keys are Kenny Adams, K6HT, of Stockton, and Ed Haskell, W6FNK, of Santa Maria...we shall miss them!

Russ Hanlon was sporting one of the new 50-year pins recently..they are available from Headquarters for \$4. The Chapter welcomes its new members: John Benn, W6EZA; J. O'Brien, W6GO; Seishi Yaaunaga, W6TVR; Edward Nunes, W6LLV; Elmer Bennett, W6AUN, and L. C. Marshall, K6PB.

- W6AUC -

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Nathan Schnoll, W2PN, Secretary
132 Dimmig Road,
Upper Saddle River, N. J. 07458

President Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, presided at the Sept. 17th regular meeting at the Saddle Brook Holiday Inn. Distinguished members were honored, and it was noted that the Chapter would have a booth at the Hudson Division of ARRL Convention on Nov. 13-14, 1976. President Ralph reported concerning National, Nescon and local chapter affairs. The results of the annual election were announced with the following being elected:

George Apfel, W2GHV	President
J. L. Evans, W2BBK	1st Vice President
Gerald Powell, W2OJW	2nd Vice President
Lloyd Fleming, W2CLI	Treasurer
Nathan Schnoll, W2PN	Corrs. Secretary
Paul Bechberger, K2GH	Recdg. Secretary

The Chapter Charter was issued on October 24, 1974, and since that time membership has increased to 200. George indicates that it will be hard to equal that growth in the next two years, but they'll try.

- W2GHV

FORT WAYNE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Ted Clifton, W9SWH, Secretary
10247 Coldwater Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825

The Fort Wayne fall meeting was held at the Heritage House on Oct. 19, 1976 with 36 in attendance. The meeting was planned in large part by W9FMJ, W9VMG and W9REW who took over during a time when Ted and his wife were away because of a family tragedy. In the picture are, on the left, Charles Kronmiller, W9UC, being presented with his 56th year endorsement on his Golden Distinguished Member Certificate. The gentleman on the right is the Chapter Secretary, Ted Clifton, W9SWH who says he's ready for someone else to take over. The picture was taken during a joint meeting held with the Fort Wayne Radio Club and the Fort Wayne Chapter of QCWA.

- W9SWH -

DALLAS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact: Walt Wiedehold, W5OGZ, Secretary
2812 Pritchett
Irving, Texas 75061

On-the-air, Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM, 3935 kHz

Meetings, First Saturday of each month, at Wyatt's

The Texoma Hamarama was a big success with some interesting highlights...W5EJ won the Grand Prize (He sez Mother Hi won it) so you will probably hear a TS-520 on the air soon. There were some very good Tech sessions arranged by Bob Ashby, W5HXL, including one on the use of micro-processors in the ham station given by W5CEG. The most enjoyable thing of all was the opportunity to meet again with friends we've known for years and have all those good eye-ball QSO's we'd looked forward to for months.

In spite of snow and cold north winds, a goodly number of stalwart members turned out for the joint Fort Worth-Dallas Chapter meeting on November 13. It is planned that the two chapters will have a regular joint meeting in the future.

Remember, dues to QCWA increase on April 1, 1977, so now is the time to bring those members in who are just on the edge of joining. We would like to invite you to get acquainted with all of the members of the Chapter...join the Early-Bird net on Sunday mornings, and attend a meeting or twc, just as a visitor if you don't know the gang, we promise you soon will.

The Board of Directors of Dallas Chapter, its Officers and members wish a very Happy New Year to all members everywhere!

- W5OGZ -

EVERGREEN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact H. R. Patrick, W7IDZ, Secretary
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Spokane, Washington 99203

Chairman for the 30th annual Walla Walla, Washington Hamfest was Evergreen Chapter's Vice President, Whitey, W7GRE. On the staff assisting Whitey were Chapter members Pat, W7GVC, and Don, W7JRV. A highlight of the Hamfest was the open house held by Pat, W7GVC, of his Antique Radio Museum on Friday, September 24. Over 450 items of great interest were displayed. Coffee and cookies served by Mrs. Steward were enjoyed by all.

The Second annual meeting of the Evergreen Chapter was held in Spokane on October 16, with 18 members present. A moment of silence honoring two Silent Keys - W7GGH and K7BMT was followed by presentation of the 50-year Continuously Licensed Certificate to Jeff, W7FL. Officers elected for 1977 are as follows:

Damon Nuckols, WØUIL/7	Chairman
Emmett Nelson, W7NDZ	Vice Chairman
Russ Patrick, W7IDZ	Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter Directors are: Stan, W7CJC; Jeff, W7FL; Lloyd, W7NC and Orval, W7DB. Twenty-five members and their Ladies enjoyed the banquet following the meeting. Pictures were taken, but not returned from the shop soon enough for publication.

- W7IDZ -

THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact George Holt, W5DDI
4420 N. W. 19th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107

On-the-air Sunday mornings, 8:30 AM, at 3850 kHz.

The Chapter Board of Directors had their annual meeting and selected a nominating committee for the election of two new Board members and a secretary/treasurer. Ballots will be mailed for the election to be held at the January meeting. Two new Board members are selected each year...and they'll have plenty of work to do.

There has been considerable moving around in the Chapter...Ole Red has sold out the great DX location and settled in Choctaw. Sam, W5HZD has moved, but stayed in the El Reno area. Mel, W5AXM moved to a new QTH in Oklahoma City and, les' see -- Tex, W5LVQ has moved to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona...you guys all be sure and check in on Sunday mornings so we can keep track of your new address!

The Chapter sends its best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Hug, W5CFQ, in Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith, Ark., 72901...

The next Chapter meeting will be at:

Val Gene's Cafeteria in Penn Square
Line-up starts at 1:00PM on
Sunday, November 28, 1976

- W5RDE -

OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE

Mark your ballot, and place it inside this envelope,
seal the envelope, and make no identifying marks hereon.

Enclose this envelope in another and send to:

QCWA, Inc.
1409 Cooper Drive
Irving, Texas 75061

Put your name, call and membership number on the
outer envelope so that eligibility can be checked

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Arthur R. Gaeth, WØFQB, Secretary
6105 37th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska 68111

On-the-air: Saturdays at 9:00AM on 3980 kHz

A regular Chapter meeting was held on October 9, 1976, in connection with the Midwest ARRL Division Convention at Omaha. 46 QCWA members were in attendance, with WØGFQ being the featured speaker. Following the luncheon, the Nebraska Chapter convened, with President WØUFD calling the meeting to order. The report of the nominating Committee was heard, with Chairman WØAP assisted by WØAIH and KØKo.

The annual meeting and elections for 1977 were scheduled to be held at Grand Island, on December 4, with a dutch-treat banquet to be held at Greisbacks Steak House. WØAP volunteered to make the arrangements...The Board of Directors meeting will be held at the FCC monitoring station at 3:30 PM.

For the good of the order, WØLEF stimulated WØKHK, by presenting him with a "pet rock" that he retrieved while vacationing in Colorado, with instructions that WØKHK promise to smooth-talk it, and supply music for its lonesomeness and well being. WØJDJ had brought a tape recorder, and remarks from all in attendance were directed to WØVYX, to be replayed later for his enjoyment while in the hospital. WØFQB reported he had been appointed State Chairman by President Frank Gunther, W2ALS, for the Bicentennial relay. WØMYT was selected as co-chairman along with WØJCP, and the Governors message was secured for the relay. President WØUFD has undergone a gall-bladder operation as of November 1, and WØVYX has had a pace plumbed in... total chapter membership is now 63.

- WØFQB -



In the picture above are WØLEF and Rock Hound WØKHK

SUWANNEE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Harold Carpenter, K4JTJ, Secretary
P. O. Box 638
Inverness, Florida 32650

The October Chapter meeting held in Silver Springs at the Holiday Inn was called to order by Mr. Frank McCullough, President. There were 38 members and guests present at the meeting. Following a short business session Fred Armes, K4RX, delighted the group with a pictorial (slides) narration of his most recent trip through several European countries. The composition of the program and the beautiful camera work were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Secretary announced that the revised Constitution and by-laws had been mailed to 42 members with 22 approvals being received to date. One new member, Jim Fisher, K4GF, of Ocala, was welcomed to the Chapter.

The nominating committee chairman, K4WJ, announced the results of the mail ballot election as follows:

Larry Garland, W4LIN	President
Jack Ryder, K4IHX	Vice President
Harold Carpenter, K4JTJ,	Secretary/Treasurer
George Sperry, W4UKA	Executive Committee
Ken Cox, W4FYE	Executive Committee
Frank McCullough	Executive Committee

The Chapter is changing to a calendar year basis, with the newly elected Officers being sworn in at the December 11 meeting, and to take Office formally on January 1, 1977. The next meeting scheduled to take place at the Silver Springs Holiday Inn, will be the Christmas Party Luncheon...gifts to be exchanged...and it is planned that the Gateway Chapter will make it a joint meeting.

- W4LIN -

MUSKEGON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact H. Russell Reece, W8BXS, Secretary/Tr
1748 Evanston, Muskegon, Mich. 49442

On October 14, 1976 the Chapter held its Fall quarterly dinner at the Elks Lodge, with W8CJ making arrangements. The food and service were excellent and the next meeting is set for the same location.

Election of Officers saw the same team renewed for another term to redeem themselves. President is Joe Czerniak, W8NWU; Vice President is Cliff Bee, W8CCC; Secretary/Treasurer is Russ Reece, W8BXS. The gang is striving to make Muskegon the very best Chapter in QCWA...

Joe Weatherly, W8ARC presented an excellent film for the evenings entertainment. A drawing was held by W8NWU with Russ lucking out again. Prizes were arranged by W8UCG and W8OQY...thanks from the whole gang

Membership in the Chapter is invited - dues are \$2 per year, and Russ has some membership cards just waiting for you.

- W8BXS

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact H. Frank Jordan, W5EDX, Secretary
2334 West Mulberry
San Antonio, Texas 78201

"The San Antonio Chapter held it's quarterly meeting, with a good attendance, at Hickory Hut Barbecue. Considerable time was taken with news about the very good National QCWA Convention at Houston, 200 miles away. It was a wonderful Convention. We Texans are accustomed to good rodeos, but this rodeo was the best we have seen in Texas, more action, fast events and colorful, and only 30 miles from our largest City. The barbecue was very good. The Houston boys did a fine job, that naturally would, with Monty at the helm. Monty, W5YZ, President of the Houston Chapter was a San Antonian, now our loss and Houston's gain.

It was voted to hold our quarterly meetings at cafeterias and restaurants. We are finally going to charge dues of \$5 per year, beginning January 1, 1977. Our present Officers are: John Shean, K5DB, Chairman; Eugene Jank, W5EJT, Vice-Chairman; H. Frank Jordan, W5EDX, Secretary; Les Essington, W5BE, Treasurer. A nominating Committee was appointed to select a slate of new officers for 1977. Most members of the Chapter will join with the San Antonio Radio Club in their big annual Christmas Party and Banquet. They are honoring us with an 'Old Timers Night' the last friday in February. We now have 66 members. Our Chapter was the third chartered in Texas."

- W5EDX -

CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Jules Wenglare, W6YO, Secretary
1416 7th Avenue
Delano, California 93215

The Central Valley Chapter of the QCWA held the first of its annual picnics at Mooney Grove Park in Visalia on September 26, 1976, with 12 members and two guests present. Most of the members were accompanied by their wives. A short business meeting was held followed by the YL's talking about the grandchildren and the OM's talking about ham radio. At the meeting, dues were set at \$4 a year to allow for normal expenses and a "social event" at a later date. We urge all QCWA members in the area to contact the Secretary, if interested in joining this Chapter. We've got plenty of room, and would enjoy your participation in CVC. Every member should attempt to get one eligible member into the group.

Several members have sent their dues to the National Hdqtrs and not yet received their membership cards.

- W6OV -

Editors Note: The change-over in Headquarters has been a little bit tough. It's hard to follow someone like Ethel Smith...but we'll do our best. Thanks for being patient.

EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact George L. Fuller, W2BSH, Secretary
2094 Oaklawn Avenue
Schenectady, N. Y. 12306

The Eastern New York Chapter held it's First Annual Dinner Meeting on September 18, at Veeders Restaurant between Schenectady and Albany, New York. Guests from Boonville, Lake George, Argyle, Northville as well as the Capitol were in attendance. President, William J. (Newt) Barnes, W2GM, presided, introducing the new Officers as well as the guest-speaker, Mr. William (Bill) Edwardsen, of WQBK. The speaker, formerly with WGY and WHK, recounted some of his experiences in the radio broadcasting field as well as in his world travels as a Tour Guide. The buffet dinner was acclaimed as very fine, and most of the guests stayed after the meeting enjoying the good fellowship in an extra session with their ham buddies. It was remarked that David L. Marks, W2APF, is acting as QCWA Co-Chairman for the Bicentennial Presidential relay for the State of New York.



In the photo above, by David Marks, L to R are: George L. Fuller, W2BSH, Secretary/Treasurer; William Edwardsen, Guest speaker; David L. Marks, W2APF, Official photographer and William J. Barnes, W2GM, President of the Chapter.

These are the new 50-years in Amateur Radio Stamps, available from from Headquarters. Red on Yellow, and the glue tastes good too.



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Joseph Soroka, W3LGD, Secretary
209 McMichael Road, Carnegie, Pa. 15106
Meetings quarterly, Sunday morning net 3910 with W3KPI as NCS.

The January meeting at Tonidale's well attended with 30 OM's and 19 YL's. The May meeting saw Carl, W3KPI re-elected Chairman & NCS., with W3LGD as Secretary. W3DM & his YL, Ginny, hosted the Sept. meeting with 34 attending in spite of rainy wx. The next meeting is set for Sunday, Jan. 30, 1977 and will be at Tonidale. New members in the Chapter are: W3SIK, W3KHS, W3UHV, W3OIY and W3NAW, welcome..



In the pix, at the right is the Chapters Official photographer, George Montgomery, W3KVS and his YL, Fran. The Chapters wishes all QCWA members a very prosperous New Year.

AKRON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Rex Brown, W8LUT, Secretary
647 East Buchtel Ave., Akron, Ohio 44304
Next Meeting: January 27, 1977, Youngs Restaurant

The Chapters quarterly meeting was held October 28, 1976 with 49 in attendance. Ralph Mac Intyre, W8WOM presented a slide show and commentary of their trip to France, via a Concorde, and he and YL Carolyns motor trip to Sweden. The program was enjoyed by all. At this meeting a nominating committee consisting of Sam Carr, W8UGF, Ivan Frey, W8NYS and Sid Ehrlich, W8JL was charged with providing a slate of candidates for Chapter Offices. The election will be held during the Dinner meeting on the 27th...A happy Holiday Season to all from the Akron Chapter.

- W8LUT

ROADRUNNER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact William D. Sperry, K5BVP, Secretary
2716 Cardenas, N. E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

We have received a copy of the Constitution and by-laws of the new Roadrunner Chapter of QCWA. It is a fine document and some one has been doing a lot of work to get it into its final form. Officers of the Chapter signing the document are:

Einar H. Morterud, W5FPB	President
William Obrist, W5FT	Vice President
William D. Sperry, K5BVP	Secretary/Treasurer

Directors are: Willie E. Petty, W5UR; Edward Hart, Jr., W5RE; and Jennie Lathrop, W5YSJ.

- K5BVP -

METRO N. Y. CHAPTER

For Information: Contact David W. Winter, W2AUF, Secretary
8426 87th Street,
Woodhaven, New York 11421

On November 10, 1976, the Chapter held its luncheon meeting at Luchow's, at noon, with 52 present. At the head table were W1GUW, Larry, Chairman; W2ALS, Frank Gunther, President of QCWA, Clarence Seid, W2KW, Director; Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, Vice President QCWA; John Renner, speaker for the meeting and Henry Paulisen, W2AQ, Chief Engineer in charge of the NYC FCC Office; Dudley, W2 QU, Vice President of the Metro Chapter; W2ALU, Fred Link, President of the Radio Club of America. Also present was Fred Shumaman, Executive Secretary of the Radio Club of America, and Jack Poppele, Committeeman.

W2KW made an announcement about a maritime mobile cruise around South America, Nat, W2AIM reported on the Houston meeting of QCWA & said he had a good time. W1GUW announced there will be a Board of Directors meeting of the Metro Chapter in December and that the next Chapter meeting was set for January 12 followed by meetings for March 9 and May 11. W2JDG distributed prizes for lucky ticket holders with W2HIA winning the Luncheon. W2KW displayed a DeForest Audion that had been donated to the QCWA Museum by the estate of W2AOT.

Fred Link, W2ALU, introduced the speaker of the day, John Renner, nationally known communications consultant of Advanced Technology Systems, Arlington, Va. He gave a very interesting talk, with slides about a two-way motorist aid system, from a study that had been made for the Highway System Department of Transportation.

It was announced that Frank Frimmerman, W2FZ had been hospitalized by a heart attack - since that time reports on the air confirm that Frank is home and is doing well. The Chapter heard the report that Ted Wilson, K2EP and Art Schermer, W2HHY had become silent keys.

Last was a report that David Talley, W2PF is moving to Florida.

Ed. Note: All who Met Frank, W2FZ, at Houston are plugging for him.. a real gentleman. The September Metro Report apparently was lost.

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER Q C W A

For Information: Contact Richard G. Caspari, WØYZB, Secretary
12321 Walker Street
Wichita, Kansas 67235

The Sunflower Chapter has elected new officers, and held a meeting early in December. Due to a mix-up in signals, we were to attend but didn't make it to Wichita. The Chapter regrets to announce two members are now Silent Keys...Clifford Horm, WØPBX, and Vernon E. Snider, WØWOB, of Colby, Kansas.

Pictures from the Chapter did not arrive in time for this newsletter, and will be included next time. The New Officers are:

Bryce Bandy, WØPF, President

Richard G. Caspari, Secretary/Treasurer

The Chapter has several 50-year Certificates ready for processing and the boys will enjoy the pleasure of presenting them at one of the meetings.

- WØYZB -

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Ray Griswold, W2SD,
12 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga, N. Y. 14225

On-the-air Sundays at 1:30PM around 3900 kHz

Meetings every Saturday noon, Buffalo Trap & Field Club



In the picture, is recorded presentation of his 60th year in Amateur Radio Certificate to Earl Westfall, W2JR. Making the presentation was Ray Griswold, W2SD President of the Chapter, and being supervised by; L-R W2YE, W2KZ, W2JR, W2LB, W2SD & W2KX.

Many QCWA members in the Western New York area attended the Hamburg Hamfest. The Chapter was unable to secure a booth for the event, but Ray, W2SD is planning on one for the next Hamburg event.

We are extremely sorry to report that Rudy Ehrhardt, W2PVI is back in the hospital again as we go to press. He certainly has had more than his share of bad luck lately. The whole gang is rooting for Rudy!

Election of Officers for the Chapter will have taken place by the time this is published, and the existing Officers congratulate the new Officers. All members should check their membership cards for expiration dates...don't let it slip up on you and forget to mail in the dues. We'd sure appreciate a bigger turn-out on the Sunday net-its a good way to get acquainted, and especially to renew all your old friendships.

- W2SD -

OPERATING ACTIVITIES MANAGER

Many of you will have already noted that a very popular QCWA member M. W. (Mac) McRae, W9RC, has consented to act as Operating Activities Manager. Mac will have charge of arranging for the Annual QSO Party, awarding of operating certificates, and other duties. All records, sparse as they are, will be sent to Mac so that he can issue certificates as authorized by the Board of Directors.

At this time, certificates are being printed for the "Worked 500" and so forth. Not a single one has been issued yet, but there are certainly some who are eligible. The "500" certificate is a nice Gold one, and you'll be proud to have a low number.

The Worked 100 Certificates are automatically validated by the QSO Party Judges, but you have to request the certificate to get it.

We are pleased and thankful that Mac was willing to take on the responsibility, and we know that he'll do a good job.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Lucky Brown, K7NTG, Secretary

9301 East Magdalena Str., Tucson, Az 85710

On-the-air Sundays 0900 MST on 3933 kHz.

More than 40 members of the Chapter met at Sir George's Royale in Sun City, on October 9, 1976. Herb Clark, W7HXM called the meeting to order... Russ Dorsch, W7AYF, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates; for Chairman, Miles Shepherd, W7GYX for Vice Chairman, Gene Traber, W7GX. Balloting will be by mail. The treasurer reported the Chapter operating the the "black." and announced that the next meeting will be in the Spring of 1977 at a place and time to be announced.

Mabel Brown, K7OBR, a journalistic photographer, presented a unique slide show "The Saga of Villanueva, New Mexico." It is the story of a tiny Mexican-American village nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains of New Mexico, which traces its heritage back to 1542, the time of Coronados explorations. The highlight of the presentation was a series of slides of a tapestry 265 feet long and 2 feet wide depicting the historic background of the village from the time of the early Indians to the present day. The tapestry is hung in a continuous form on the walls of the 200 year-old Church in the village. 36 Ladies of the village spent 2 years in its making, and it is their contribution to the U. S. Bicentennial. They proudly say their ancestors were here in a well organized village 80 years before the first Anglo set foot on the Atlantic shores!

If anyone plans to visit or winter in Arizona, a list of QCWA members can be obtained by contacting K7NTG, secretary of the Chapter. It may be that the Chapter can help or suggest places to visit and things to do and see in Arizona which will add to your enjoyment.

The Chapter sadly reports the passing of Robert E. Henineman, W7LLO (7695). Ed was active in local and community emergency work & his expertise and spirit will be missed.

Ira Runnells (1437) will be honored at the Spring meeting, by the official presentation of his "Distinguished Member" Certificate.

COMMENTS ON THE COMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As reported elsewhere in the newsletter, there will be an election of officers during 1977. President Frank Gunther appointed a nominating Committee, and the Board approved the appointments. The men worked long and hard to bring up a good slate of candidates who are all known to be willing and able to put their shoulder to the wheel.

The Board has recommended very strongly that Chapters everywhere strongly consider nominating other candidates for Office by means of petition, as provided in Article VI, Section 2, of the by-laws. Candidates should be willing to attend meetings, and should understand that they do not receive reimbursement for their expenses. There should be good candidates available from all sections of the Country. Let's see a good big slate this time around.

SPACEPORT CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Col. Guy M. Blencoe, Publicity Chm.
1270 Plum Avenue
Merritt Island, Florida 32952

The Winter meeting of the Spaceport Chapter of QCWA was held on November 20, at the Merritt Island Sweden House. The big event was election of Officers. The New President is Les Widick, K4BZJ; the new SEcretary is Bob Lucas, K4HTU; and the new Vice President is Allen Apple, K4ILX. The Chapter now has a total of 39 members with this luncheon bringing out 27. Members are from Merritt Island, Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Titusville and other nearby areas.

Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Golden Anniversary Award to long-time member Fritz Fredrickson, K4JFP, by our outgoing President Fred Kienzle, K4ZS. It was good to see Fred and his Lady, since they have had considerable hospitalization this past year.

The Spaceport QCWA Chapter welcomes QCWA members and local hams who have not yet joined, as well as the several "snowbird" hams who look to the area for sunshine instead of snow shoveling.

Guy sent some pictures in the form of slides, which our deadline prevented from printing in this issue of the newsletter.

COLORADO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Stuart Edmonds, WØGW, Secretary
3998 South Hillcrest Drive
Denver, Colorado 80237

The Colorado Chapter sends greetings to all members of QCWA, and hopes that you have a wonderful Holiday Season. Some of the members have gone to warmer climes, and the Officers trust that Uncle Sam's Mule will get their newsletter to you before Christmas.

The Board of Directors met on Sunday, November 7. It was decided to hold our Winter Meeting on Monday night, December 27, 1976 when Ted, recently appointed Executive Secretary of QCWA will be here in Colorado. He has agreed to appear at the meeting, and we look forward to seeing him and his wife. The meeting will be a dinner meeting and will be held at the

Bonanza Sirloin Pit
2250 South Monaco Parkway

the dinner will start at 6PM, and each member can choose his own victuals. All are invited to bring their wives, since Ted's will be there.

The Chapter has decided to set a new net time and to also have a net operating on 2 meters. The new set-up for the Colorado Chapter QCWA Net is as follows:

Sunday mornings on 3900 kHz, at 10:00, and
at the same time, on 07-67...effective December 5.

The Chapter is preparing a new Roster, and a questionair is being sent to each member to bring personal info up to date.

- WØOVL -

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Harry Wills, W1DJ
135 Quincy Avenue
Winthrop, Massachusetts 02152
On-the-air Sundays at 8:45 AM on 3917 KHz.

Harry reports that about 40 members check in on the Sunday nets.. that's a goodly bunch..and that NES has eliminated membership cards which saves much money, and lots of time. This is a desirable change for the National too, since we will show expiration on all mail.

WIEFY and Polly have left for the southland, in contact by radio all the way. Understand that W1QU and Alice will not move into their new home until May...the Century Kids and many others have all gone South and we'll look forward to seeing them in the spring.

When W1LID calls net control it is difficult to know what the compass bearing should read since he owns a home, a farm, two cottages and a boat, he emits a strong signal from all of them too!

Harry and Mary, W1DJ, plus the two chihuahuas vacationed in Denmark recently...Denmark, Maine, that is. Denmark is not exactly a large town, maybe not even a large small town, since its entire business community consists of THE STORE which is located on the first floor of a two-story dwelling. The most famous residents are Ed and Sally Holland, K1RTV, who may be visited by following an 800 foot driveway through the woods to a large grassy clearing. They are gracious hosts.

We understand that Harry is practicing with a muzzle loader. He didn't say whether he was loading or firing, but only that Bill Eglit did better than he.

- W1DJ -

ATLANTA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact James A Gundry, W4JM, Secretary
2498 Echo Drive, NE., Atlanta, Ga. 30345
On-the-air, Sundays at 12:30 local time on 3830 kHz.

The Atlanta Chapter held a reorganizational meeting on September 24, 1976, at which time Officers were elected for the year 1977, as follows:

Wendell D. Cushing, K4VN	President
Riley N. Stone, K4HYY	Vice President & Activities
James A. Gundry, W4JM	Secretary/Treasurer

A properly signed petition for re-instatement of the Chapter was sent to Headquarters and processed.

Those in attendance wanted to express their thanks to K4VN and to K4HYY for their work and effort in the re-organization of the Chapter. The next meeting was scheduled for December 10, 1976. We're looking forward to regular reports and information from Atlanta.

Just in case you didn't notice, this issue of the Newsletter's cover was designed and presented by Frank Sewell, W5IZU. Frank lives in Tyler, Texas...he's one of the reasons that people love Texas. Thanks Frank & Maureen.

DAYTON/CINCINNATI CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Walt Wehner, W8TYL, Secretary,
433 Wayne Drive
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

On-the-air: Sundays, 1:00 PM on 3986 kHz, NCS is W8TPC

"Our fall dinner meeting was held on October 14, at the Imperial House South, just south of Dayton off I-75. After a satisfying roast beef dinner, a business meeting was conducted by Vice Chairman Walt Wehner, W8TYL, and a new slate of Officers was elected. The new Chairman is John Schlueter, W8WYH; the Secretary/Treasurer is Walt Wehner, W8TYL. These Officers will serve for one year. The out-going Chairman, John Bruning, W8DSR, introduced the speaker of the evening, MS Virginia Alexander, from Ohio Bell, whose slide presentation of 'The Bell System, it Works,' was well received."



In the picture, L to R are: Paul Weigert, W8TH; Walt Wehner, W8TYL; and John Schlueter, W8WYH

MORE ON CALLBOOKS, AND A SUGGESTION

I don't think I have to remind you that all QCWA members are not rich, as a matter of fact, not very many are..and, considering the price of a new callbook, we are wondering if it might not be a good idea to request members who have recent callbooks, and who have a new one on hand, if they might not be willing to give them to some of our old-timers who just can't stretch the budget for a new book. We're thinking of books no more than two years old...if any of you who have a 1975 or 1976 callbook, and who would be willing to give it to an OT who could use it, why not drop us a line. We'll keep books, and if those who would like a newer callbook will drop us a line, we'll get you together. The person getting the book should pay the postage, which if sent via "Book-Rate" will be no more than 75¢ anywhere in the U. S.

PALMETTO STATE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Robbie Robinson, K4JLM, Secretary
1706 Afton Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29407

The Chapter luncheon at Columbia turned into a huge success. There were 52 members and guests present. One of the guests, Phil Wicker, W4ACY was promptly signed up as member #73. The Chapter announced that it had invited President Ford to the meeting, and Ed, W4MPS read a reply from Senator Thurmond's office stating that the President was honored, but unable to attend due to prior commitments. It was a good try, and the Chapter was proud of those responsible for issuing the invitation.

Officers of the Chapter, recently elected are:

President Wade, W4AZT
1st Vice President Cecil, W4HDO
2nd Vice President Tom, W4DAW
Secretary/Treasurer, Robbie, K4JLM
Chaplain, Oren, W4HWZ.

Bob David, W4YK gave a report on the Houston QCWA National meeting, and the Chapter decided to go all out to encourage members to join the Chapter and QCWA before the April increase in dues. Cecil is looking for a 1950 callbook to help in the drive, and if anyone has one he'd appreciate hearing from you. The Chapter voted thanks to Ethel Smith, K4LMB, for all of her encouragement and help. Harry Mills, K4HU presented a display of old-time radio gear. The display is set up so that it can be readily moved, and Harry will be glad to provide the display - contact the Blue Ridge Chapter of QCWA. W4CE, Bennie, the first Chapter President and one of those who worked so strongly for its formation was presented a pen and pencil desk set in remembrance of his work.

It was announced that there will be a N. C. QSO Party, Dec 4-6, and everyone was invited to participate. The Net has moved slightly to 3933 kHz. The net operates on each Saturday of the month. A new Chapter roseter is being prepared, but held up for a bunch of new members anticipated in the latest membership drive.

- K4JLM -



The Southern California Chapter of QCWA is offering a QCWA Bronze Belt Buckle (See above cut) The buckle is a work of art, and may be obtained from the Chapter. If you are interested, write to Archie Willis, W6LPJ, 9276 Borden Avenue, Sun Valley, California, 91352.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Moe Joffe, W6PHE, Secretary
7259 Willoughby Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90046

On the air: Sundays, 9:30 AM on 3917; 11:00 AM, 3695, CW

The Fall dinner meeting held at the Odyssey Restaurant, September 11, was attended by 140 members & friends. Astronaut Gordon Cooper held the group spellbound by his story of his trip to the Moon....

Gordon is shown in the picture at the right, and the members of the Southern California Chapter certainly want to express their thanks for a wonderful program...



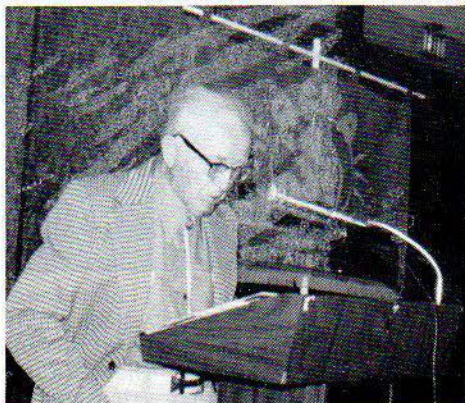
The Southern California Chapter was represented by 8 of it's members at the National QCWA meeting at Houston. To say we enjoyed ourselves is putting it mildly. Those Texans certainly know how to make your feel at home. They are the nicest bunch of "pussycats" we've come across.

Lee Bolen, W6ABR was awarded his Golden Certificate, and to become a Distinguished QCWA'er.

The Southern California Chapter is happy to be sponsoring the 20th Annual QSO Party, scheduled for February, 1977, and on the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Chapter.

- W6PHE -

Most everyone in QCWA either heard about, or worked toward the success of the Bicentennial Presidential Relay. It was a vast job undertaken through the efforts of the Chicago Area Chapter & especially because of the enthusiasm and work of the Committee. At right is Eric Shalkhauser, W9CI, known as "Shaw" as he made the proposal for the "Relay" at the Chicago Chapter meeting held September 6, 1975. There were endless details, but as a whole, the Relay went off successfully. Some difficulties are always to be expected in a job as large as that one. We are sending our thanks to Lee, W9MOL, Chuck K6LFH, Bill, K4MM and Joe Schroeder, W9JUV, and all the others who gave of their time and efforts to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the First Presidential Relay via Amateur Radio, in 1916. It was in that Year that Shaw took part in that very first effort to spotlight Amateur Radio.



NEVADA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact John Neal, W7VH, State Director, QCWA
2105 Las Verdes
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Here at Headquarters we received a LD call from John Neal, W7VH, wondering if he could make the newsletter dead-line. Well, he did and we're glad to have heard from him. It was about 4 years ago at SAROC that we first met John and the Vegas bunch. John sent the picture below, and a quick note just letting us know that Nevada was going good, the Chapter is growing and will sponsor a booth at SAROC this year.

The Nevada Chapter participated in the Bicentennial Relay, but met with a bit of difficulty..the Governor of Nevada had sent his person-congratulatory message to Mr. Carter, immediately after announcement of the election. Since the transition period has begun, the Governor declined to send a second message via Amateur Radio. There was no message to be sent. John thinks that his probably could have happened in several of the states. W3FA was notified of the problem.



In the picture above, an illustrious group, left to right they are: David Davis, W7MWF; Walt Ashton, WA7RPZ; Leonard Norman, W7PBV; Governor O'Callaghan, State of Nevada; John Neal, W7VH; Don Brickley, W7OK; Hal Leary, K7ZOK. There is a total of 232 years of Amateur Radio Experience in that group and I really believe they're going to initiate the Governor! Congratulations to a fine group!

GULF COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Clarence G. Ornduff, W5RZP
317 Fayard Place
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

On-the-air: 2nd & 4th Mondays, following Gulf Coast Sideband Net
on 3925 kHz.

During the summer months of June, July and August, meetings were suspended due to vacations, travels and golfing. No election of officers was held in June due to the suspension of activities. An election was held on-the-air, October 25, 1976. New officers are:

Fabian Husley, W5IBO, President
Tom Braidwood, W5BW, Vice President
Clarence Ornduff, W5RZP, Secretary

During the past several months, two of our members were honored by presentation of Golden Certificates, in QCWA. Tom Braidwood, W5BW, was presented a 60-year Certificate, plus a "2" year endorsement. Ferdinand Pecoul, W5ANP received a 50 Year Certificate with a 2-year endorsement, and on November 5, received his "Continuously licensed Certificate for 50 years plus a 2 year endorsement.

The Chapter extends its best wishes to QCWA members everywhere, & especially to those in Baton Rouge and Jackson, Mississippi for getting the ball rolling on new Chapters. The Gulf Coast Chapter hopes for their success.

- W5RZP -

QCWA CALLBOOK LIBRARY

In recent years, QCWA has requested donations of callbooks from members. The response has been good, and the Library is beginning to look pretty good. The following books have been donated by QCWA members, and we certainly appreciate it. The books will be kept for all time, for the use of old timers whenever they need them

E. L. Maneval, W3EU

Winter, 1938
Spring, 1948
Winter, 1950
Winter, 1952

Frank L. Guth, W9BCC

Winter, 1950

Forest Akers, W3PTS

Winter, 1951
Summer, 1951

George L. Meek, W6IC

Government, 1929

To all who have contributed, a big thank-you, and, don't worry if duplicates are sent. We will wear out a few, and they're all kept as treasures.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, they're due now, and it's a good time to renew, dues will increase on April 1, 1977. If you aren't certain of your expiration date, drop us a line.

GATOR CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Dave Davis, W4GQ, Secretary
6971 Grand Vista Way S.
St. Petersburg, Florida 33707

On-the-air: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., 3920 Khz
Meetings: 1st Saturday, each month, October through May

Gators gathered on November 6 to observe the 10th anniversary of our Chapter's founding. Since the date matched that of Southeast Section ARRL Convention, we decided to invite QCWA'ers from all over the state and celebrate together at the Sheraton in Clearwater Beach. About 165, including guests enjoyed the "happy hour", a fine lunch, and best of all, many friendships were renewed in eyeball QSO's. The lion's share of credit goes to Chapter President, Bob Conaughty, K4OQ who handled arrangements. Art Monsees, W4BK, Treasurer did a great job handling ticket sales, also, VP Jim Keyes, K4FCW, rates kudos for helping out.

Honored guests included Harry Dannals, W2TUK, President of ARRL; Art Miligan, W8KW, QCWA Director and Lew McCoy, W1ICP, Assistant Tech. Editor of QST. A very interesting talk by Lew McCoy, entitled "ARRL Nostalgia" brought out many fascinating anecdotes that were new to most of us.

Gator Chapter "nostalgia" was reviewed by Russ Chappell, K4HI. Would you believe of the original 52 who signed the charter application ten years ago, 10 are still active members. Bob David, W4YK and Hal Bates, WA4FIU were singled out for special recognition as co-founders of the chapter. Unfortunately, Bob David, also, a QCWA national director was in California and couldn't attend; and Dave Davis, W4GQ, chapter secretary was in the hospital recuperating.

Our annual Christmas luncheon is planned for December 4 at Chief Charley's in Clearwater. Santa will hand out gifts and we'll sing Christmas carols under the leadership of Jack Heisch, W4KG, and his YF Frances. Billy Gray, YF of Jack Gray will provide the melodious accompaniment. We do hope that Bob David will be on hand to receive a long overdue QCWA Meritorious Award. Congratulations, Bob, you sure deserve it!

- K4HI -

PHOTO-MONTAGE

In upper left is Monte, W5YZ and Hal, W5NC; top-right, Art Miligan, W8KW; down a bit is Lou, K4NE and an unidentified QCWA member; a bit lower is Frank Gunther, W2ALS and Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ; a bit more left is Ethel Smith, K4LMB; and downward, L-R are Herb, W6FQ, Milt, W2SF and Clarence, W2KW; lower right is Loyd, W6LQ and his lovely queen, at the rodeo....pix by W6PHE and W6ATC.

Rollie Terrell, W5RC has volunteered to help here in the Office. He has been working like a beaver in all departments. We could not do without him...thanks Rollie, from Ted and all of QCWA for whom you are doing so much work.

THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Si Morrison, W6OSD, Secretary
804 Fifth Avenue
Chula Vista, California 92011

At the Chapters September Bruch meeting, held at Caesars Mission Valley Restaurant, the following were elected to office for the 1976/1977 Chapter year:

F. K. "Bernie" Bernardini, K6UV President
Larry A. Harvey, K6PY, Vice President
W. P. "Si" Morrison, W6OSD, Secretary
Robert A. Frye, W6JWU, Treasurer

Standing Committees are:

James P West, W6QLO, Curator of the QCWA Antique
Wireless Display
Frank M. Jally, W6GU, Program Chairman

Delegates to the San Diego Amateur Radio Council:

Larry Harvey, K6PY & Charles F. Taylor, W6EBX

The Chapter deeply regrets recording the death of Ralph Paxton, Sr., W6HRI. Ralph had been a resident of Chula Vista for 52 years, and was 87 years old at the time of his death. He will be missed by his many friends.

Plans are continuing to hold the QCWA Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 1978 ARRL National Convention in October, 1978. The San Diego Amateur Radio Council will host the Convention. Sam Dear, K6BWT, will be Chairman of the event.

George Mitchell, K6ZE, serving aboard the Scripps Institute of Oceanography Research vessel ALPHA HELIX, is now at the headwaters of the Amazon river. George writes that there are 12 medical researchers and M.D.'s aboard and they are examining the Amazon Indian living deep in the jungle. Their studies have uncovered some amazing facts; for instance, all Amazon Indians have only blood type "O" where we in the rest of the world have types A, B, AB and O. He relates, that in addition to their uniform blood type, the indians have never had measles, mumps, chicken pox, TB, no venereal disease nor diabetes. Their cholesterol level is below 100, whereas we are fortunate to have a level of 200. In spite of all this, due to tribal warfare, and other types of disease, the Indians life expectancy is only 42 years!

The next meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for November 14, 1976 too late ofr this newsletter.

- W6OSD -

WHENVER YOU WRITE Headquarters, we'd sure appreciate you using your call letters and your membership number. As we become more oriented to the computer, it will become increasingly important. Your membership number is uniquely yours, and the computer is geared to sort it first, then your call, then your name, in that order. So, when you send in address changes, etc., your number is of prime importance.

POT-POUR-RI

Editors get lots of mail, some brings smiles and a bit brings joy and occasionally a tear or two. Well this column is just what the title implies...no telling what will turn up.

Frank Canning, W2GCB/G5ABF wrote that he hadn't heard a peep out of QCWA for a long time and wanted to know what happened...well we checked up and sure enough Frank was in Silent Keys and had been for 4 years...well, a new callbook is headed for England, and we've a hearty welcome back to Frank (4017-L).

A short note from Dale Meyers, W4BIM (9790) who is headed for the Fiji Islands and a two-year tour of duty in the Peace Corps. Let us know when you get back Dale!

There are some REAL conventions coming up soon. As we write here early in December, first is SAROC, internationally known, and which is scheduled for January 6-9, 1977. It will be the 12th National Convention at the Hotel Sahara Space Center, Las Vegas. You are always assured of a good time, a convention worth attending, and the chance to see a bunch of your good friends there. The Nevada Chapter will have a QCWA Booth--try to make it.

In April comes the BIG ONE...The Dayton Hamvention is set for April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Hara Arena. Bob, W8DPW, Editor of the Dayton Amateur Radio Society sent the Club Bulletin which listed the event. I don't know how many attended last year, but it was about 1 3/4 zillion. The Next Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter meeting is set for Feb 10, and the Hamvention dinner is for Friday night, April 29, probably at the Stratford/Ramada Inn in downtown Dayton. Thanks to Bob and to Paul Wiegert, W8TH, Chairman of the Chapter.

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Have a letter from Harold J. Becker, W9PW, in Belleville, Illinois.. Harold is interested in getting some action started for QCWA in the St. Louis area. Time for this is long since past due, and we're in favor of it for certain. If any of youse guys in Bellville, Granite City, East St. Louis, St. Louis and anywhere else around there want to start something, contact Harold J. Becker, W9PW, at 821 Blue Ridge Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62223.

Some of you are probably wondering about the big delay in Lapel pins. Well, the story is one of problems, most of which are being taken care of. The firm who had been doing the engraving went out of business, and it was required that someone else take on the work. Well, it wasn't easy, bids were high and service not very good. We're still trying to get an alternate engraver, one who'll do better work and not hold us up. Meanwhile, the pins are coming out now. Your patience is appreciated.

We've been seeing a whale of a lot of activity around Corpus Christi with Doc Best, of ARRL fame, working like a beaver. It looks like there'll be a Corpus Chapter before too long. With pals like "Doc" we'll have to build a room on Headquarters before long.

Headquarters News: You will note that the newsletter is a computer label this time around, and will have into the future. The problems have been difficult, but have been worked out, in part. We're certain that some of will receive no newsletter, and others will get five, just as happened with QST several years ago when they made the switch. The change to computer was inevitable, it just came early, as result of problems which made us take that road. We had addressograph plates, but in the shipping process the cabinets were not sealed, and the heavy drawers apparently rolled out and an unknown number of trays spilled, with plates lost, bent and otherwise in no condition for use. We have better than a bushel basket with no time for sorting. Ethel had the roster in a computer, and the cards were in good condition. We have gone to programming them for labels and other purposes. With finding the addressograph material unusable, without many hours of work, we had two or three choices...hopefully we took the best route. Applications formembership were piling up, dues payments, requests for service on Certificates and all other normal business together with a newsletter to get out in less than 6 weeks time. We took the option of processing Applications first, then dues, then newsletter work in that order, and left the work of straightening out the labels, etc. to a computer.

There will be many errors, for these we ask your pardon, and ask that you let us know of everything that goes wrong. We will do our best to bring order into the system by the April newsletter.

You will find a story on the computer labels elsewhere, and the code used to determine your membership status, awards and so forth are described. This code will, eventually be corrected so that you will know just how you stand each time you get a newsletter.

Some of you will note the abbreviations used in the computer entry used. There are exactly 80 columns for all information. When you have a long name, a long City name, or street address, there simply is not room, and abbreviations are assigned, which we believe the mailman will be able to understand. Likewise, we have no way to enter two calls and so we have used the apparent major call where a member has two calls or more. The Computer is programmed to identify by your membership number, it is unique, and a perfect ident for you. Please use it on all correspondence, and we'll do the same. Summer/winter addresses give us fits...there is no room on the card for this information. We could leave off the Awards Column, or some other material. It is desirable for your mail to be forwarded, if at all possible, rather than to attempt to program to pick out a few cards with winter/summer addresses. We know that you will not all agree with chosen options, please let us know how you feel...we are here to serve...our constraints are to provide service as good as possible with as little cost as possible...your help is solicited.

THE QCWA NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR 1977 - Is scheduled for the last week-end in July. Plans are still in a flux, we've heard nothing concrete, but you can be sure that the full story will be in the News for April/May. Be watching for it, you'll have plenty of time to make your reservations and plans at that time. Seattle is a beautiful City, and the Northwest Chapter, sponsors of the event have a reputation for doing things up right. CU in Seattle!

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Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an Amateur Radio License at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid Amateur license. Proof of Eligibility must be shown. Headquarters has a library of old call books which will provide proof in most cases. A request, with a self-addressed return envelope will bring a copy for you.

An entry fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership. Dues in the amount of \$10 for three years are payable in advance with the application. Life membership may be obtained for \$50, plus entry fee of \$3.00. Time payment on Life membership is also available: Three payments within 1 year of \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively. Upon the completion of your membership fee, the Life Membership Certificate will be issued.

CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each member. The numbers are never re-issued, except to the same person who may have allowed his membership to lapse. Blue Certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members. Gold Certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members. Stickers are available to update new calls, and so forth. Replacement certificates may be obtained for a fee of 50 cents.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in Amateur Radio. Decals are issued for each additional 2 years, upon request. Replacement of a Golden Anniversary certificate is \$1.00.

50 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED Certificates are issued to QCWA members whose calls appear in all issued of the callbook since 1926. There is a charge of \$1.00 for this certificate.

60th ANNIVERSARY Certificates are issued to those who have completed 60 years in Amateur Radio.

QCWA WORKED ALL STATES Certificates are issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working QCWA members in all 50 states of the U. S.

WORKED 100 QCWA Certificates issued by the Operating Activities Manager, to all members who submit proof of working 100 QCWA members.

WORKED 60 QCWA CHAPTER certificates are issued by the Operating Activities Manager, to all members submitting proof of such work.

QCWA QSO PARTY. A plaque is issued on behalf of QCWA, by the Operating Activities Manager, to the winner of the Annual QSO Party. The plaque will be inscribed with the Winners Name, his score and the year of his winning. A new plaque is issued each year. Certificates are also issued to the top three chapters with the highest aggregate scores in the annual QSO Party.

QCWA SUPPLIES

The following supplies may be purchased by QCWA members.

QCWA Alpha-by-name directory (1975, while they last)	\$1.50
QCWA Lapel Pin, Gold Plated, with call engraved (Clutch pin, pin clasp or screw button types)	\$3.00
QCWA 50-Year Lapel Pin, Clutch type only	\$4.00
QCWA 60-Year Lapel Pin, Clutch type only	\$4.00
Blazer Emblem, 4' embroidered patch with QCWA Logo	\$3.00
500 Red QCWA stamps for regular members	\$1.75
500 Gold stamps for Life members only	\$1.75
400 Red QCWA stamps imprinted (50 Years in Amateur Radio)	\$1.50
240 Yellow, 50 Years in Amateur Radio (new design)	\$2.00
QCWA Logo rubber stamp	\$3.50
QCWA automobile decal (4")	.25
50 QCWA 2" celluloid buttons, blue on yellow	\$17.50
Chapter Banners: 30 x 48 inch, Storm King Cotton (\$60 cost shared by QCWA)	\$30.00

Chapters who attain 50 or more members
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Please send the following QCWA supplies, as indicated:

_____	, \$ _____
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_____	, \$ _____
Total enclosed	\$ _____

Send to: _____
Name _____ Call _____ QCWA No. _____
Address _____, Zip _____

Signed _____

Note that supplies cannot be issued to ineligible members, that is, 50-year pins can only be issued to members who have been awarded the 50-Year Golden Certificate, and so forth.



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